



Information Management to Support the Warrior



1998
AF SAB Study



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The Requirement & The Challenge

The *right* information at the *right* time
disseminated and displayed in the
right way... so...

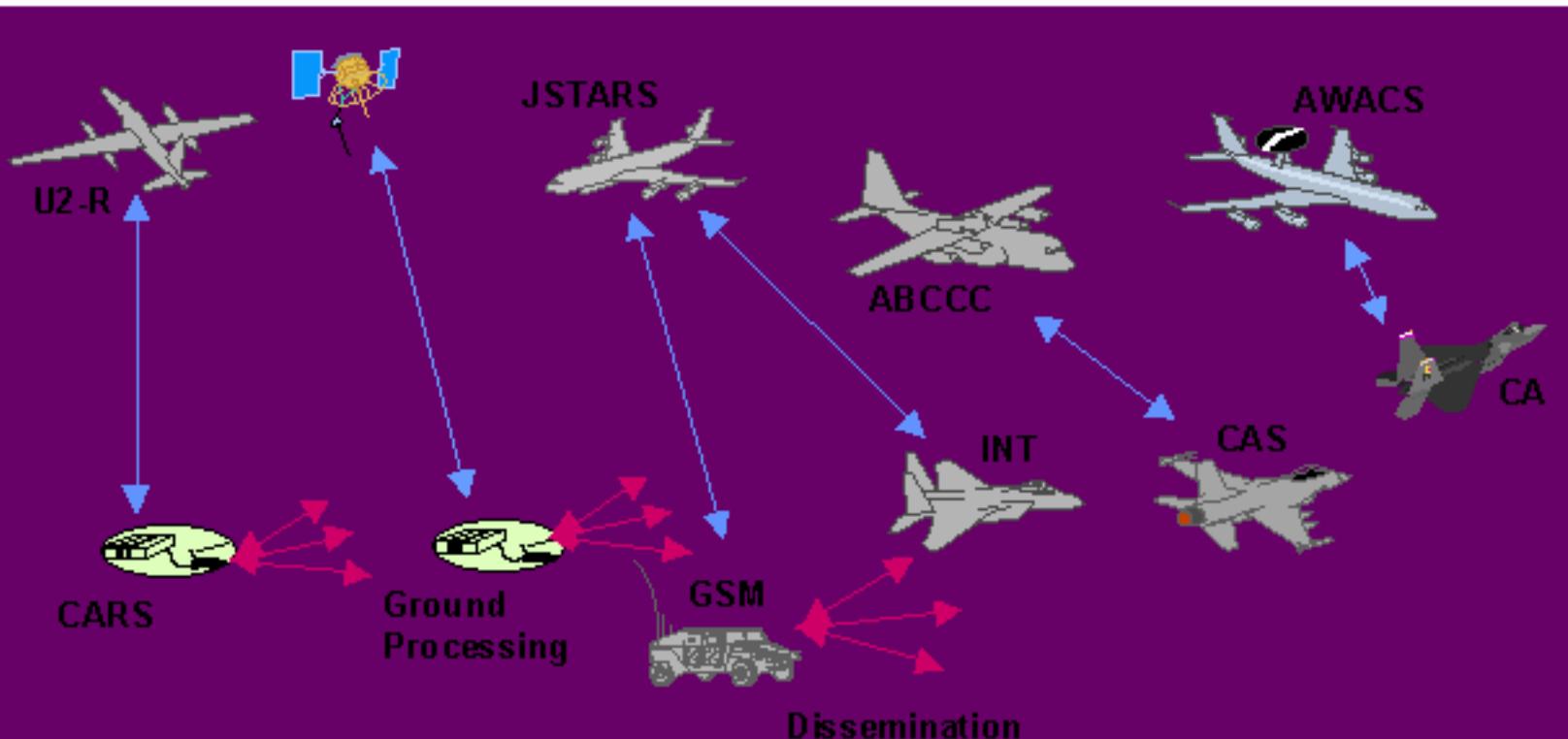
Without creating an
“Information Blizzard”

Commanders (and “Crew chiefs”) can do
the *right* things at the *right* time in the
right way

And do it all faster than the other guy:
Information Superiority



Today's Combat Information Reality



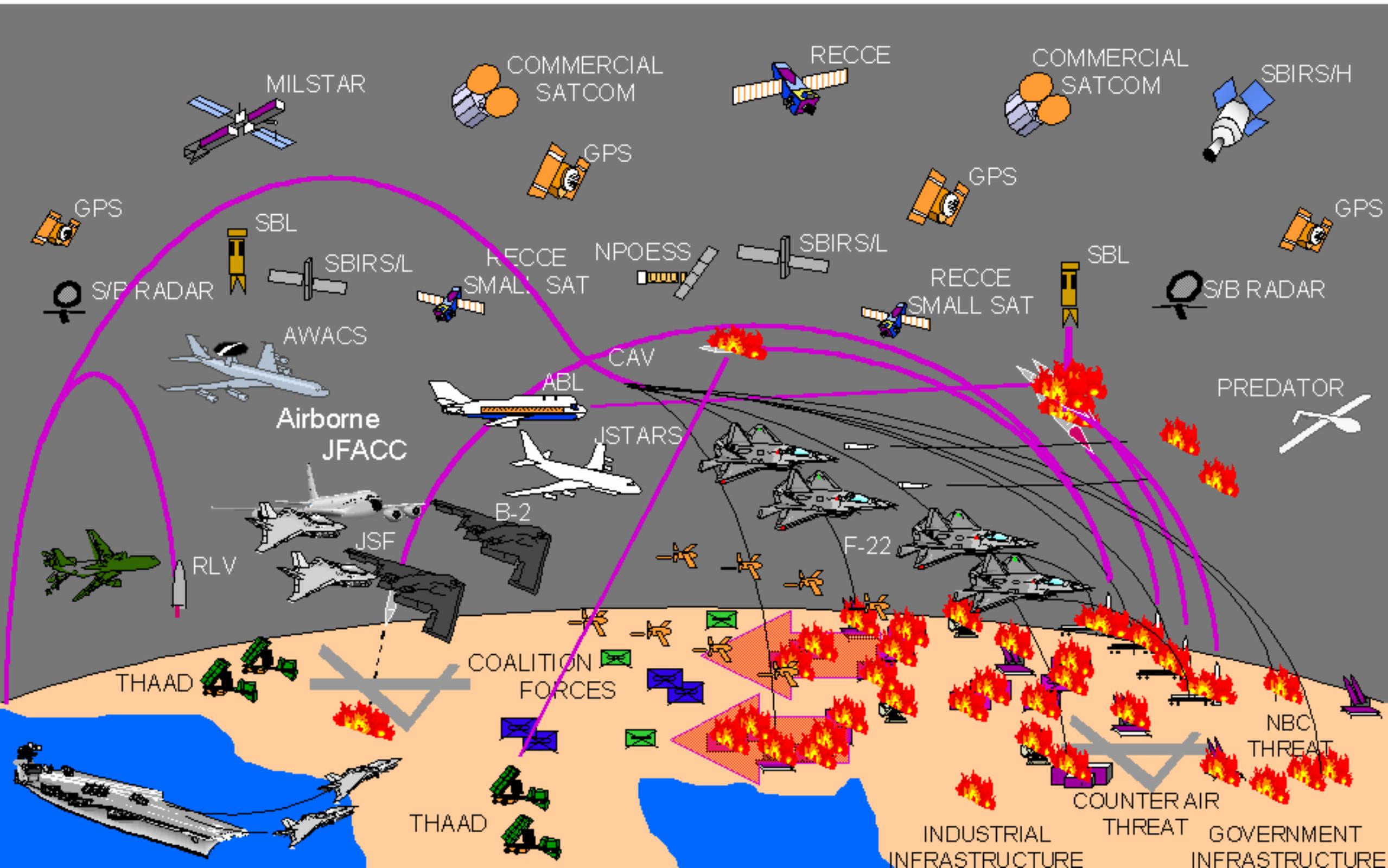
- Little interoperability
 - Joint service
 - Coalition
- Large forward footprint

- Labor intensive collection and coordination
 - Individual stovepipe systems
 - Difficult to integrate
 - Difficult to build recognized operational picture
 - Inflexible
 - Time intensive
 - Disjointed workflow
- Scattered snapshots of the battlespace
 - different time
 - different views/aspect angles
 - different parameter names
 - Fraction of the information sources used
 - intelligence
 - open sources

Data overload and information starvation



Future Combat Operations Require a “Battlespace InfoSphere”





Our Shared Vision - Information Superiority

- Joint Vision 2010 - our ability to achieve full spectrum dominance requires information superiority
- Global Engagement - Global awareness & command and control, the keystone to Air and Space Power is achieved through information superiority

"While information superiority is not the Air Force's sole domain, it is, and will remain, an Air Force core competency."

- Providing Full Spectrum Dominance requires a truly interactive common battlespace picture:

- Integrated global and theater air, space, (subsurface) and surface picture of the battlespace for the 21st century Joint Force Commander
- Real time control and execution of all air and space missions
- Interoperable for seamless integrated battlespace management

..... And more....

The Battlespace InfoSphere



The Solution



- Continue evolution to Network Centric Warfare
 - Leverage and Explore current programs and investments
 - Leverage new Joint Operational Concepts
- Overlay new Battlespace InfoSphere (BI) concept for managing information
 - Build on AF SAB and DSB recommendations
 - New mission conops to be “Use-driven”
- Apply evolving acquisition concepts
 - Disciplined development and integration into force
 - Rapid spiral development, responsive to users' needs



Our Study Assumptions



- Joint and/or coalition missions must be supported
- Move from information “pull” to “use-driven” concepts
- Sufficient bandwidth, connectivity, computation, storage, assurance and protection - outside this scope
- Future combat information systems must incorporate non-combat information

Focus on Combat Information Management

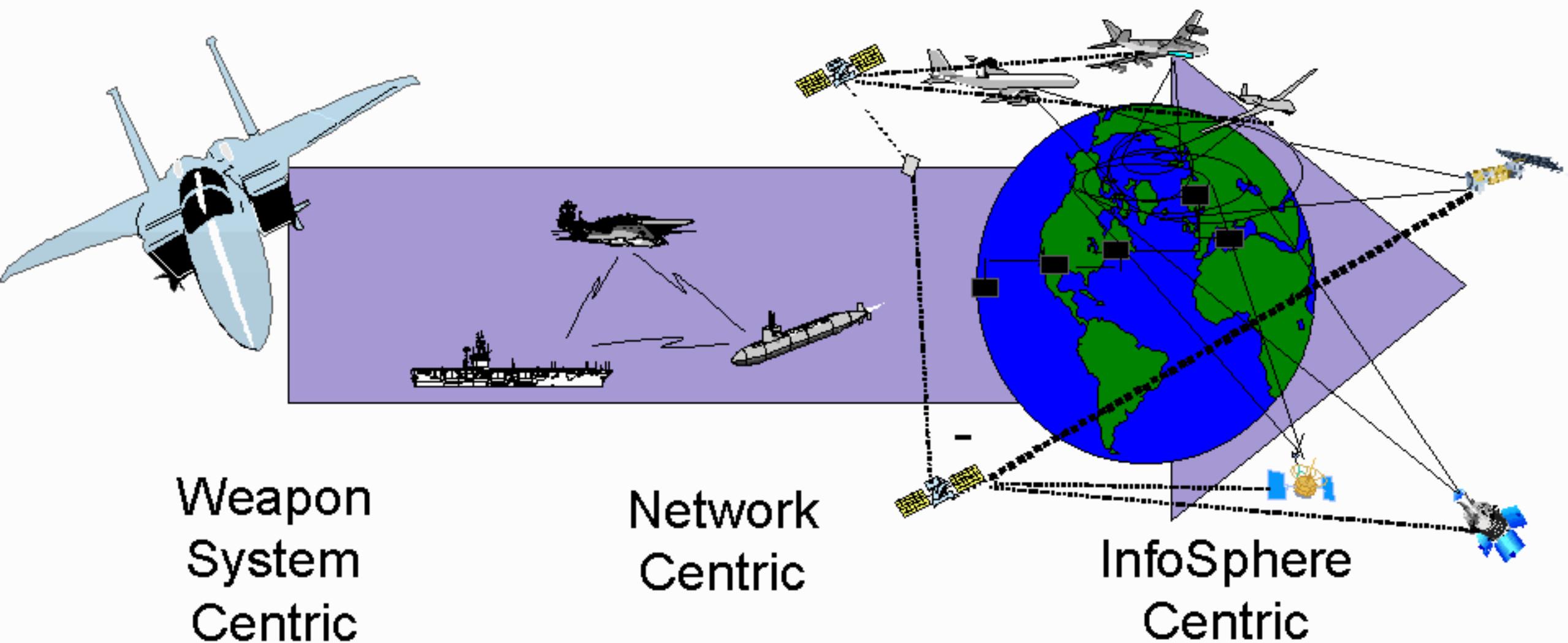


Managing Combat Information

- Combat information requires management
- Staff function to operate and manage the system
- Human control with rule based information decisions
- Organizes data by referencing and cataloging
- Assembles data into useful information
- Publishes data for common sharing
- User needs met by subscription or search
- Creates Common Operating Picture
- Provides constant updating of selected information
- Achieves Information validity through control of inputs
- Information presented at the user's desired level of knowledge
- Common understanding achieved by current shared information at highest level of cognition



Our Vision of Information has Been Evolving



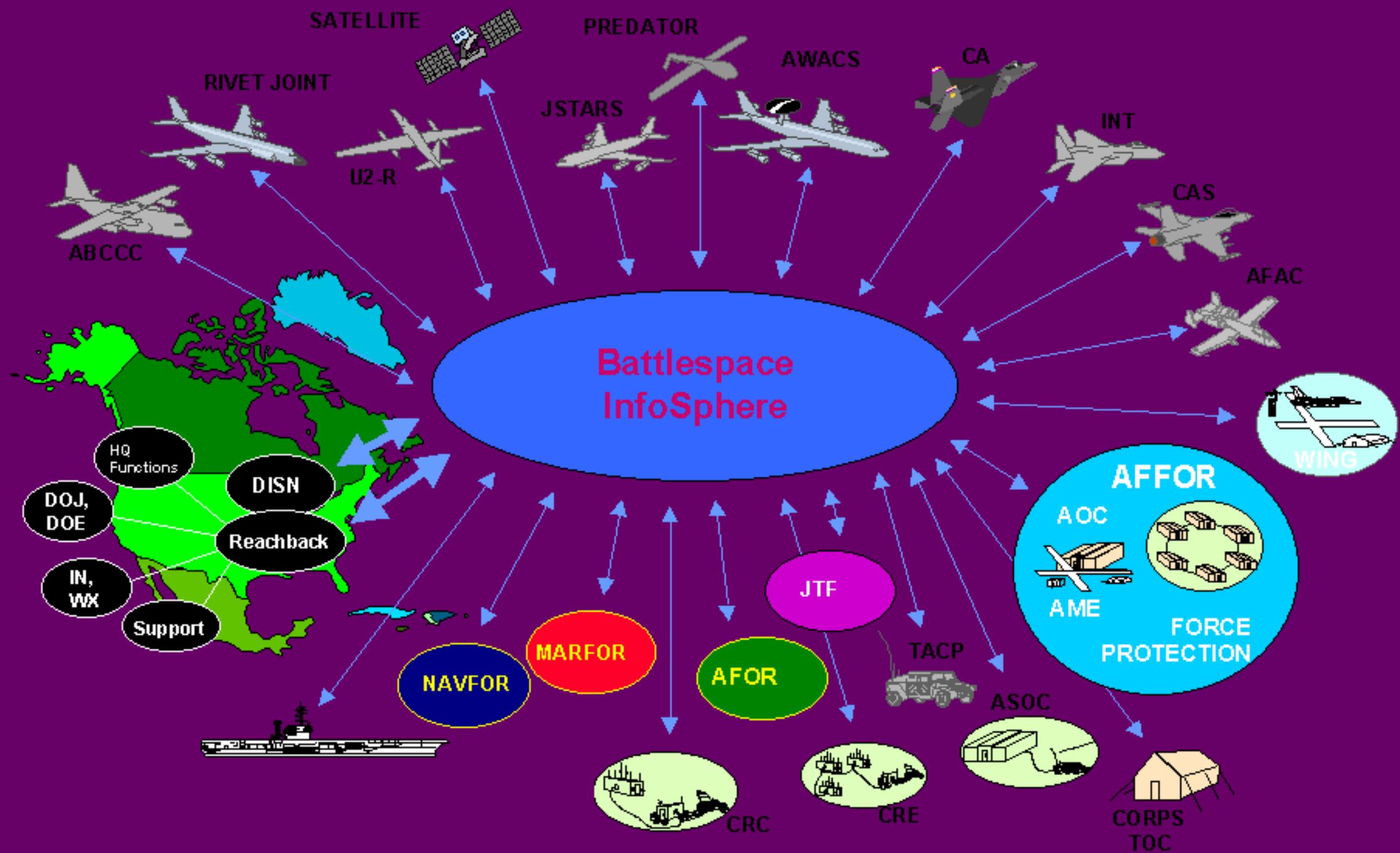
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Network
Centric

InfoSphere
Centric

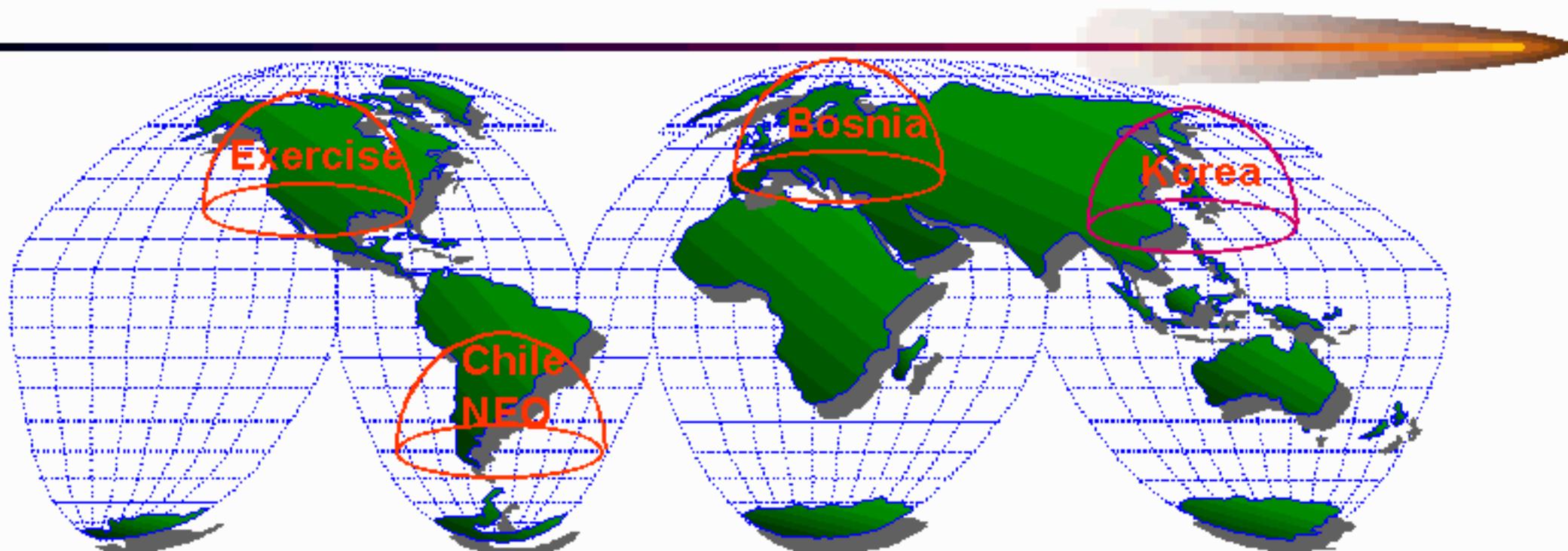


The Battlespace InfoSphere of Tomorrow





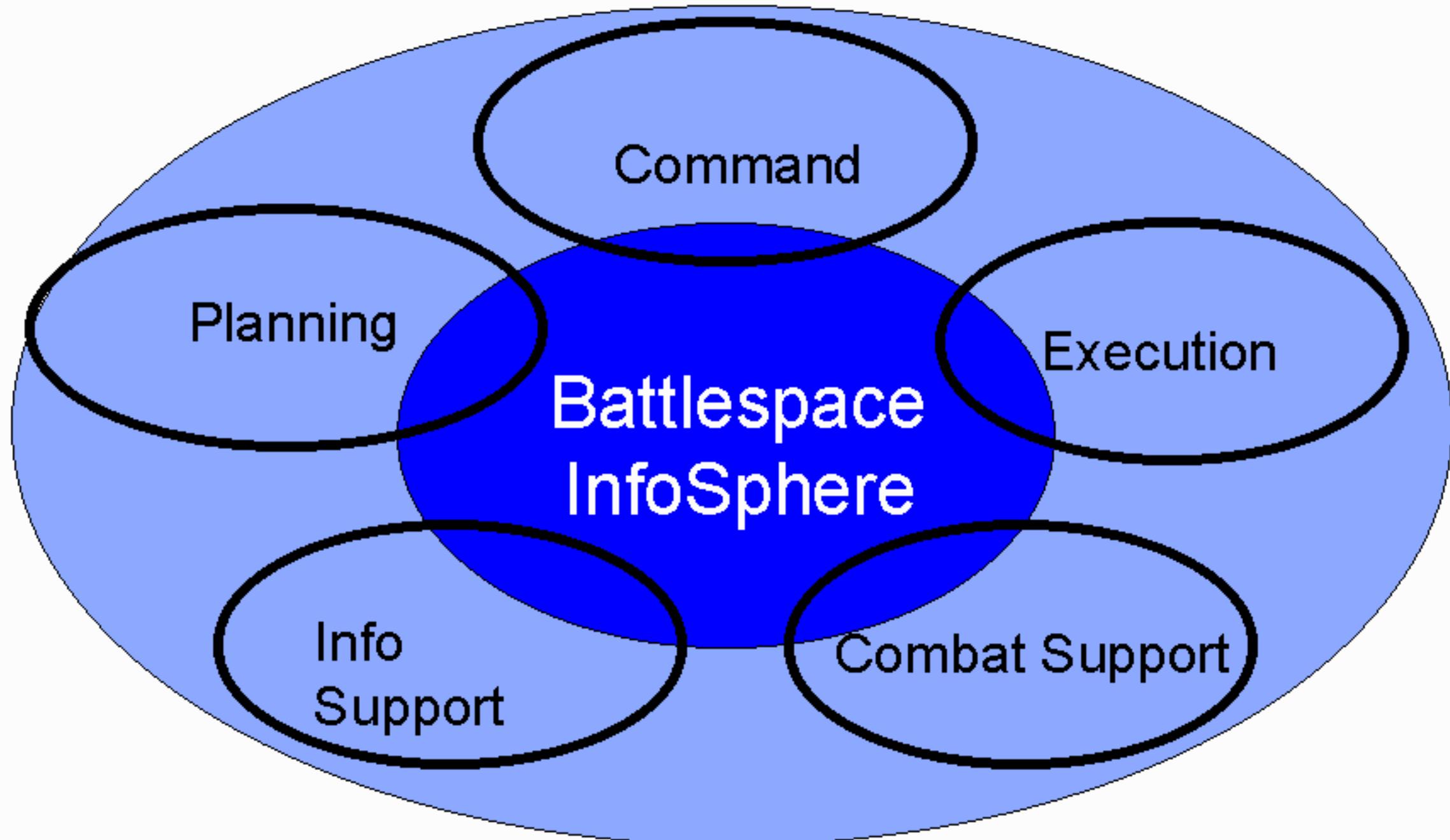
CINC/JTF Control of Battlespace InfoSphere



- CINC/JTF tailored view of information
 - Commander defines operational policies, concepts and access
 - Organized around operations
- Globally interoperable infrastructure and services
 - Global access - locally organized
 - Information sharing based on commander's intent

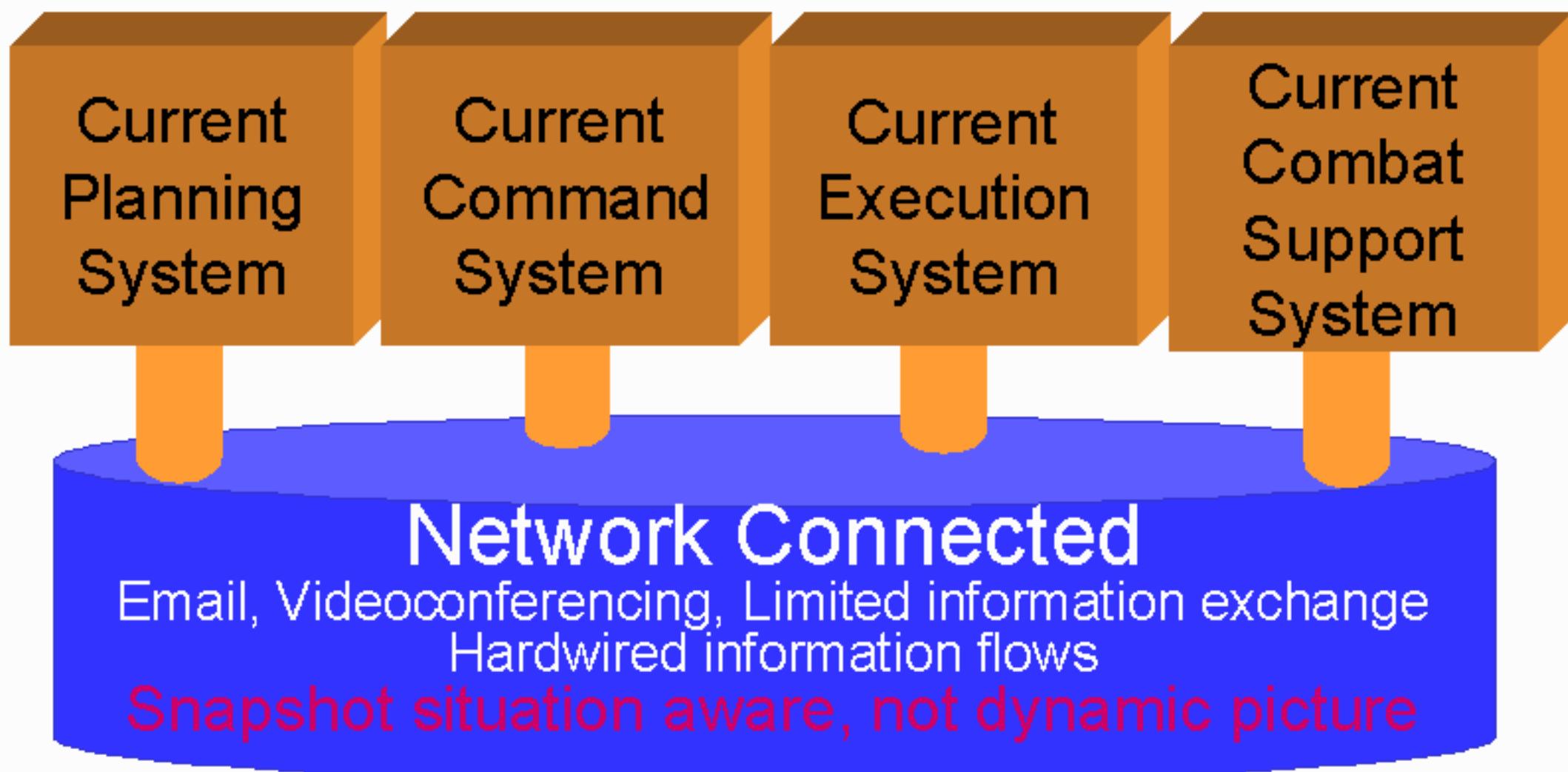


Battlespace InfoSphere Combat Information System





Network-Centric Systems





The BI: Information-Centric Systems ... beyond network-centric systems

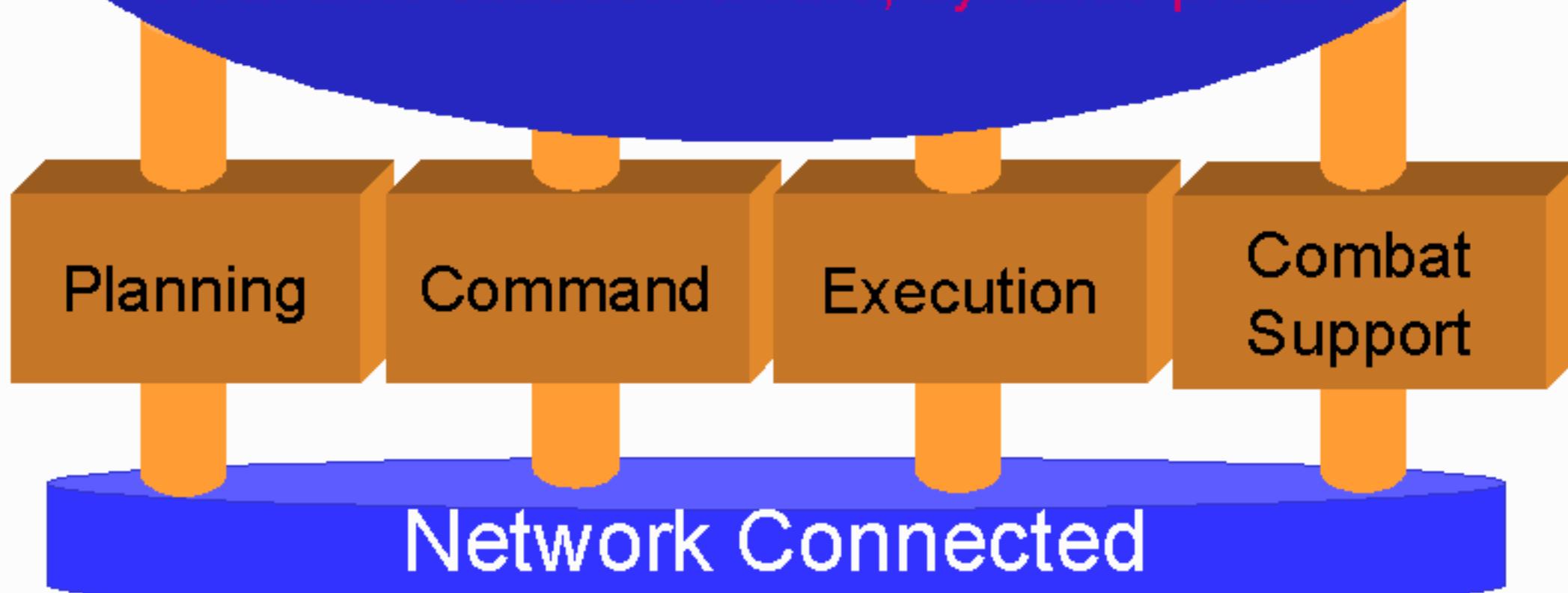


Battlespace InfoSphere

Integration of function-specific systems

Use and task driven sharing of information products

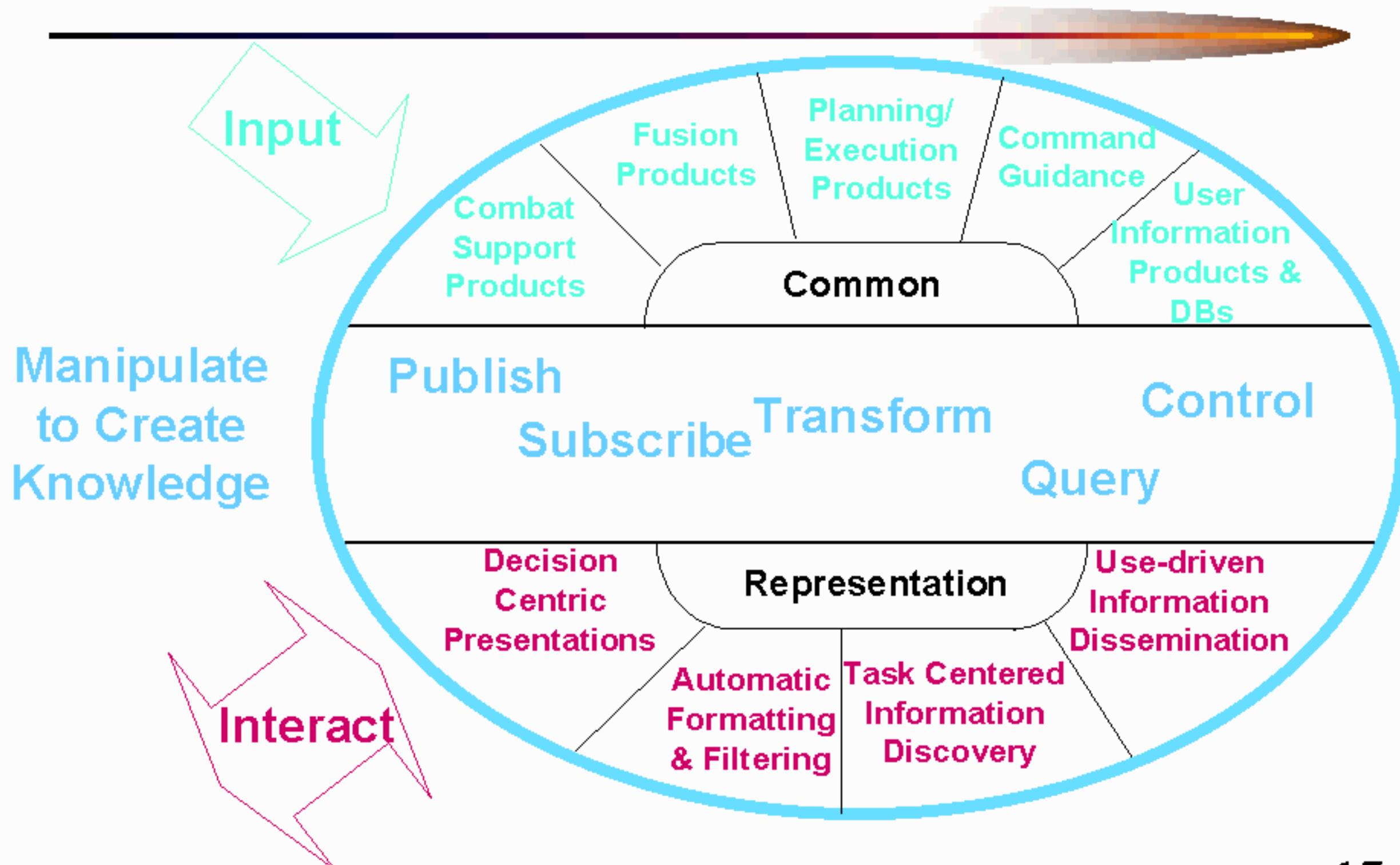
Real-time situation-aware, dynamic picture



On-going
DoD
Programs



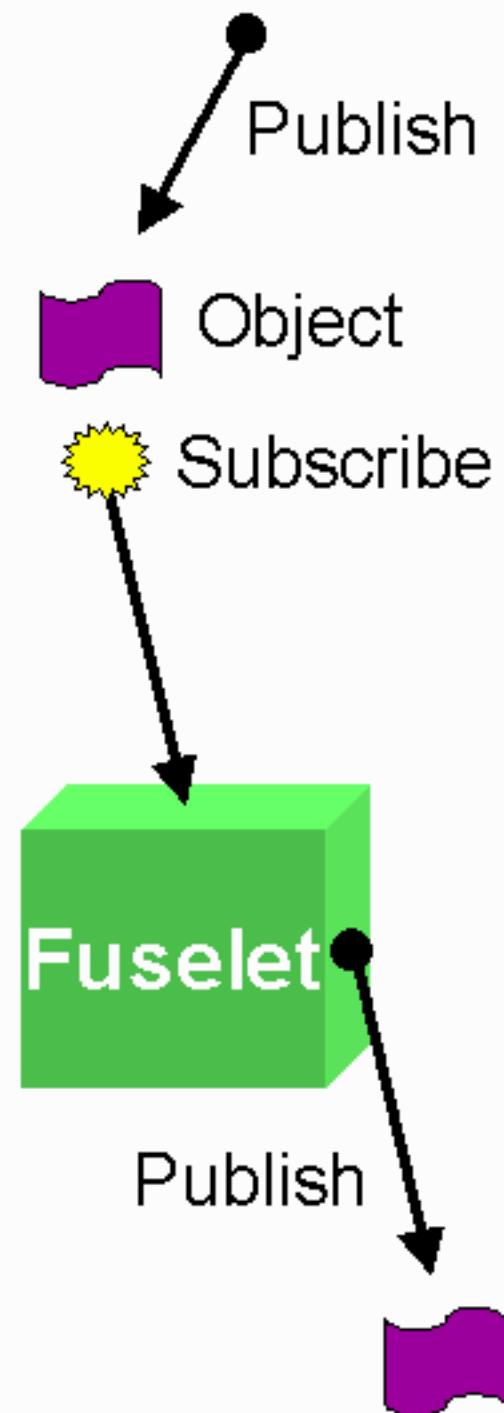
Inside the Battlespace InfoSphere





Manipulating Information in the BI

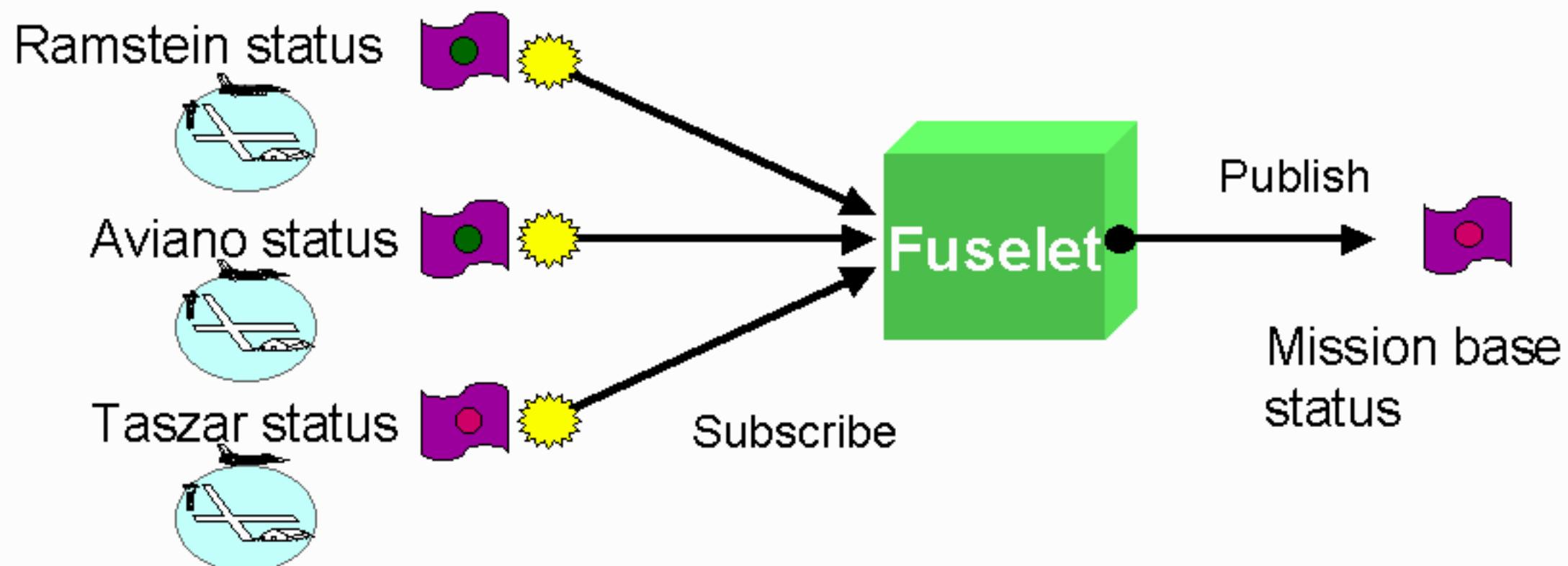
- **Publish** information objects to share with other BI participants
- **Subscribe** to objects to get new information the instant it's published in the BI
- **Transform** information by executing fuselet processes that can publish new objects, interact with people, or link to legacy applications
- **Query** the BI to find relevant information objects or to extract from databases
- **Control** performance, access, bandwidth allocation, and operation of the BI





Example: fuselets that aggregate

- Each air base publishes a “base status” object to the BI. A fuselet that has subscribed to this type of object is triggered and publishes an aggregate “mission base status” object.



- Complex aggregation is achieved by cascading fuselets, forming higher-level knowledge.

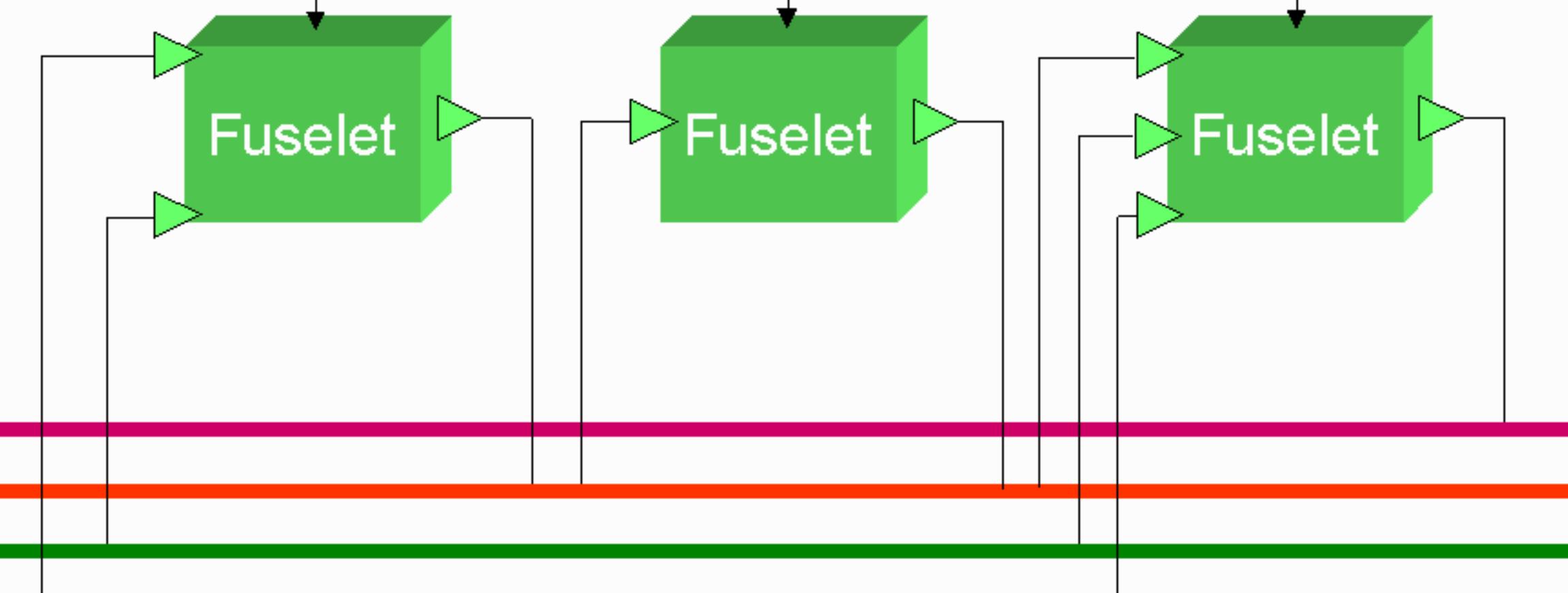


Fuselet Control Systems

Control Channels

"Tune" based on
data type, function,
performance

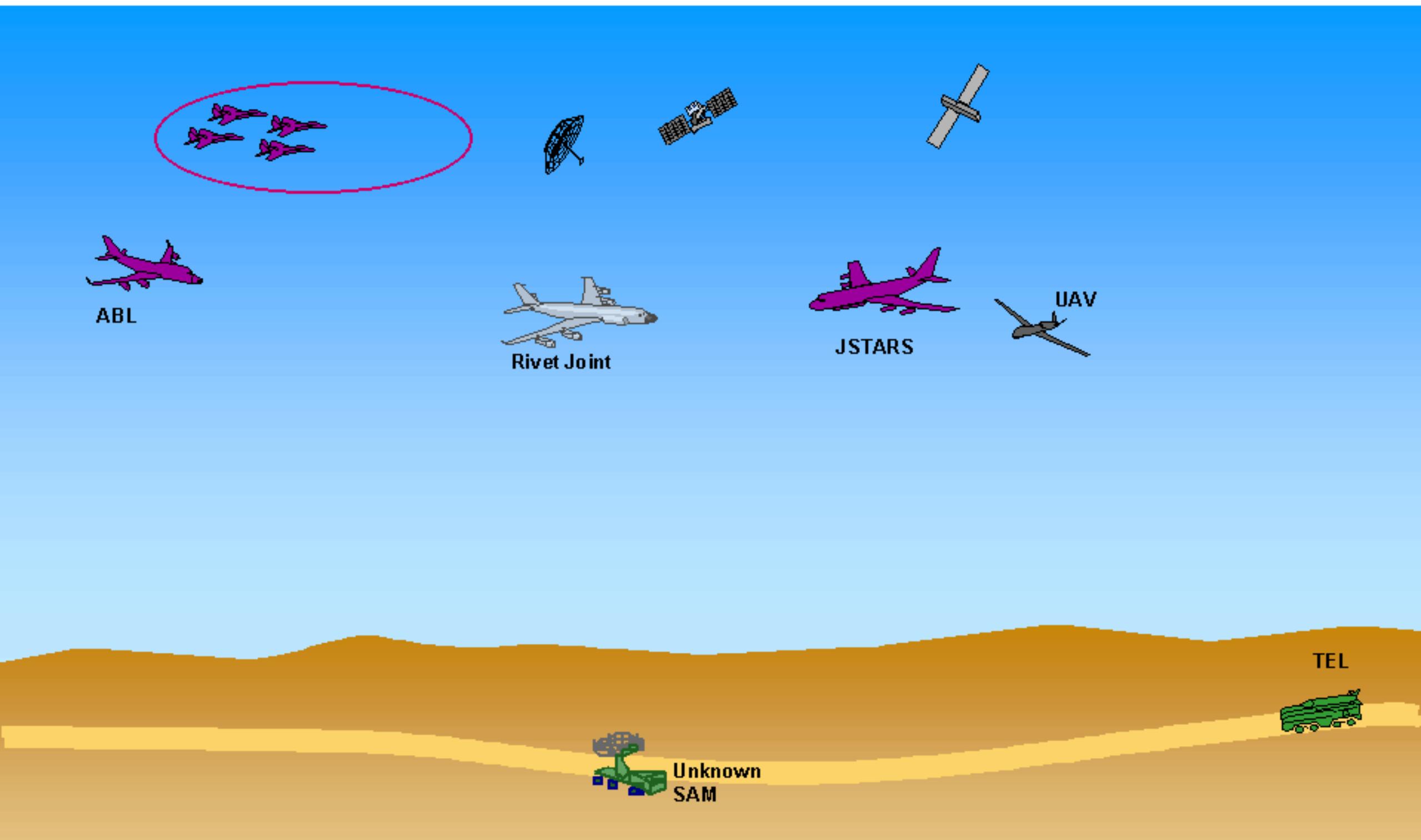
Distributed, Heterogeneous,
Internetworked Processing
Environment



Type-, function-, or performance-specific logical information channels

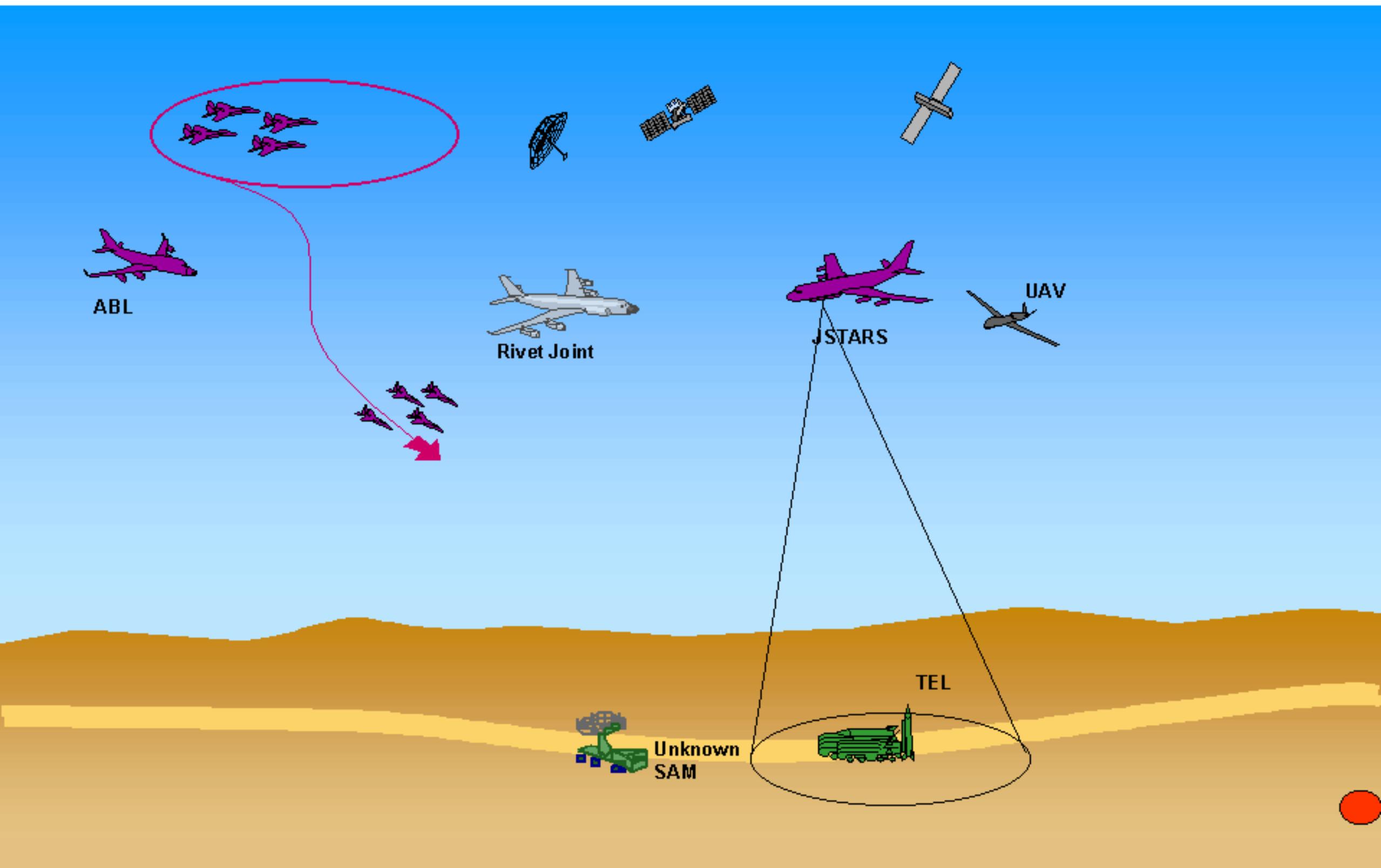


Operational Vignette





Operational Vignette 1



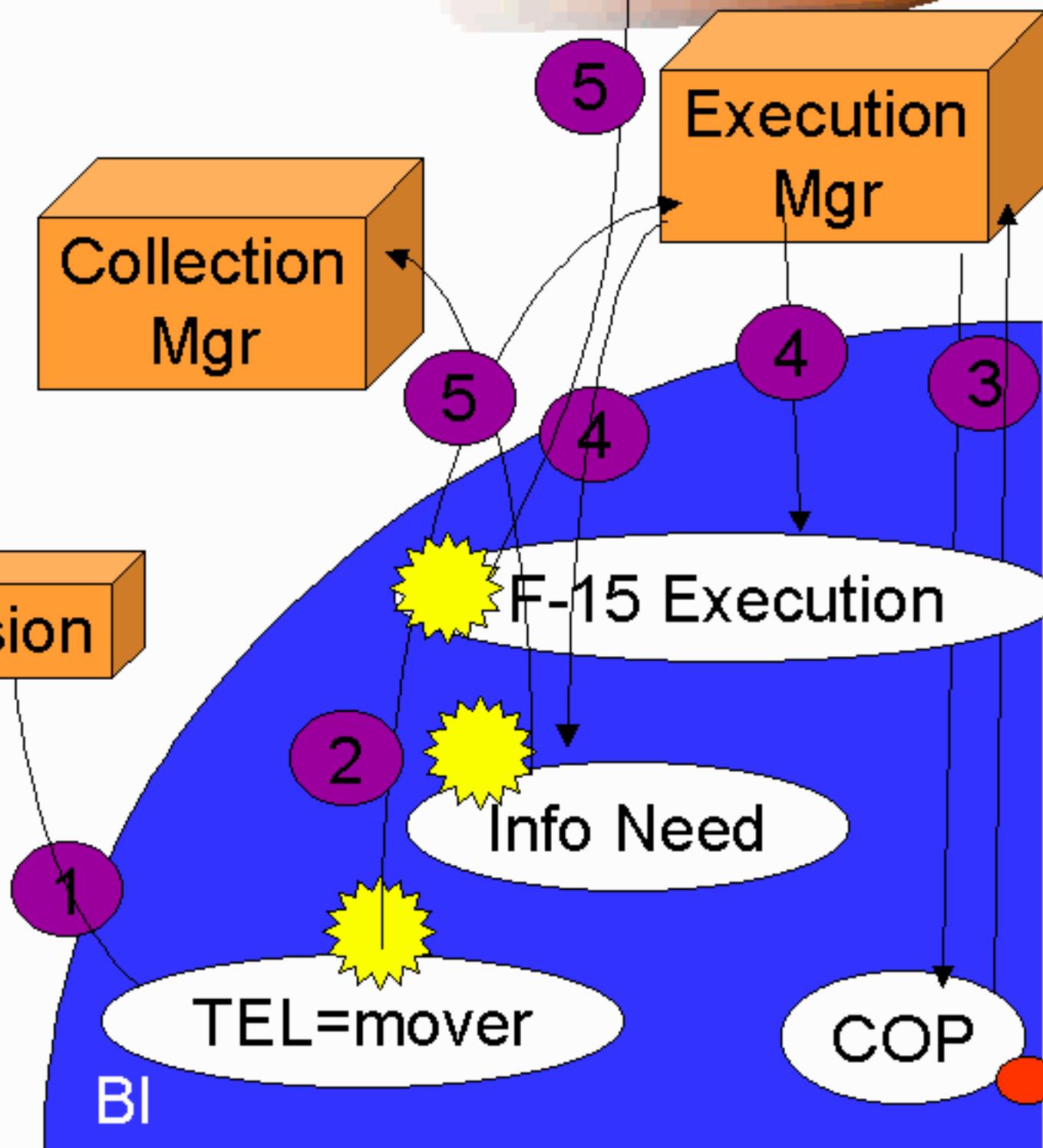


Vignette Sequence 1



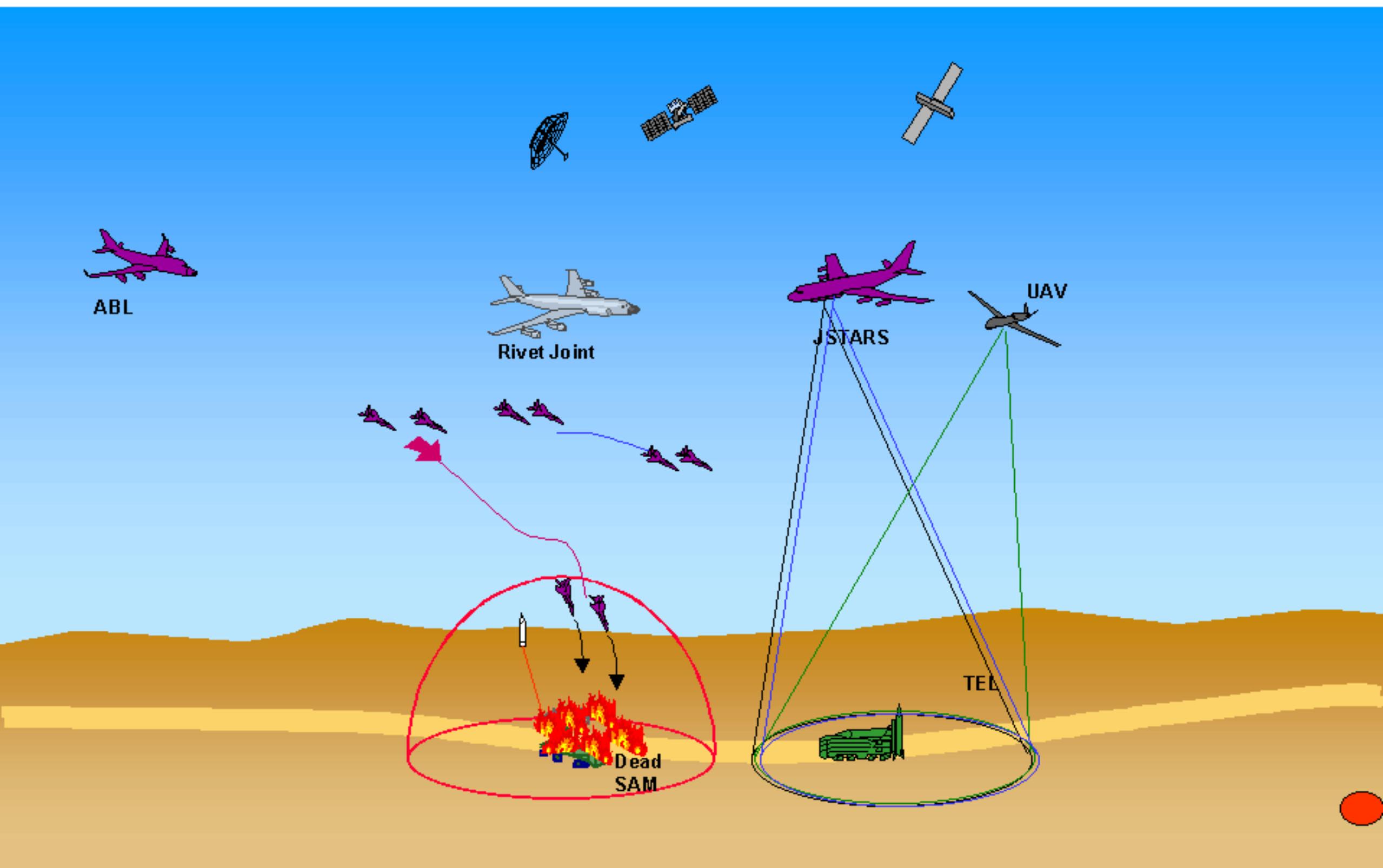
- TEL activity is detected; The F-15s are directed to the target and the collection management system is informed.

JSTARS MTI/ISAR
UAV EO





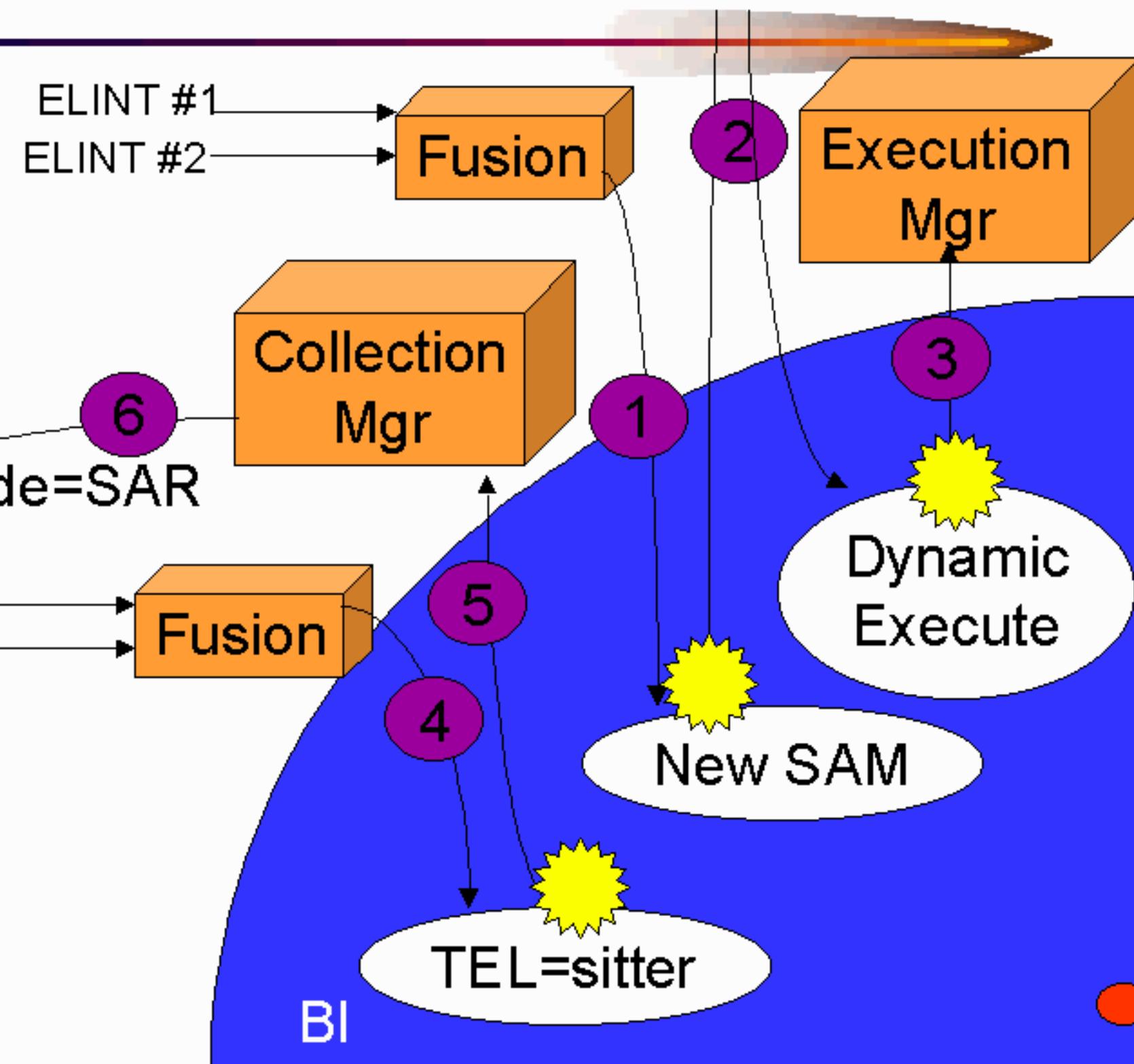
Operational Vignette 2





Vignette Sequence 2

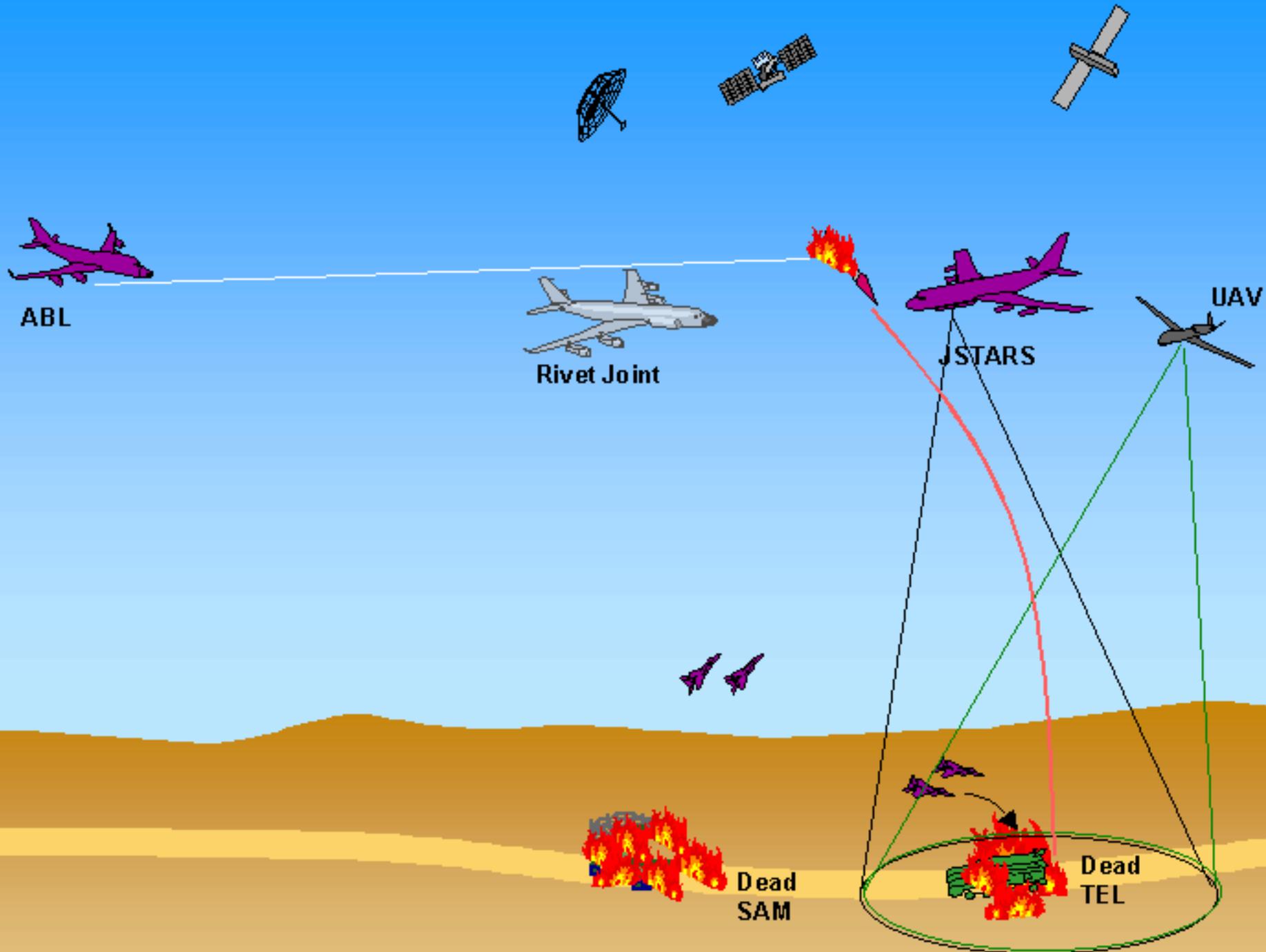
- Pop-up SAM appears along the flight path to TEL, The flight leader directs two of his planes to kill it;



- The TEL becomes a sitter, JSTARS goes to SAR mode



Operational Vignette 3

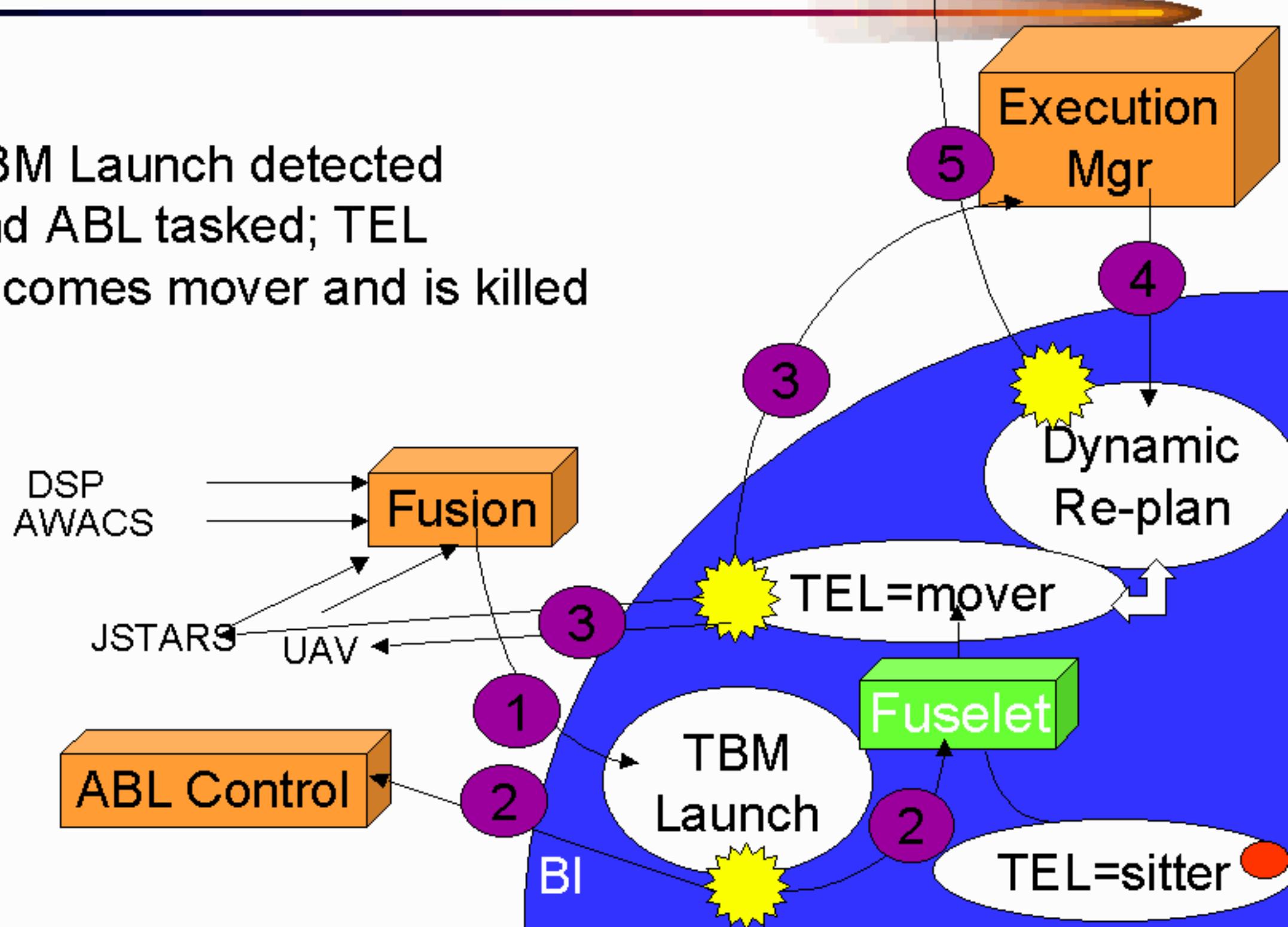




Vignette Sequence 3



- TBM Launch detected and ABL tasked; TEL becomes mover and is killed





Battlespace InfoSphere Benefits

...as demonstrated in the operational vignette

- Share information from multiple functions and systems instantly
 - reduce duplicated information retrieval and assembly
- Subscriptions route information to those who need it
 - geospatial and event tags are essential
 - high priority information flows quickly
 - subscriptions trigger real-time responses
- Transformation of information by fuselets is automatic
- Enables rapid decision cycles
- Knowledge of current and planned operations is widely shared

...the full Battlespace InfoSphere vision requires new technologies



Information Technologies

Supporting the Battlespace InfoSphere



- We organized the technologies to support the BI into these categories:
 - input
 - manipulate
 - interact
- We ranked these technologies by maturity:
 - **Green**: ready to use COTS & GOTS
 - **Blue**: commercial R&D, 5 years
 - **Orange**: government R&D, 5 years
 - **Red**: not being done, needs programmatic support
- We also ranked by priority, key capabilities, and BI evolution



Candidate Technologies: Information Input

Identification & Authentication

Source certificates

Secure ID

Source availability

Source discovery

Source ID

Access & Translation

Multi-media data capture

Wrapper technology

Heterogeneous data integration

Transformation techniques

Capture plan data

Meeting transcription

Upstream Information

Tagging techniques

Source characterization

Capturing user intent

Pedigree capture source processing

Categorization

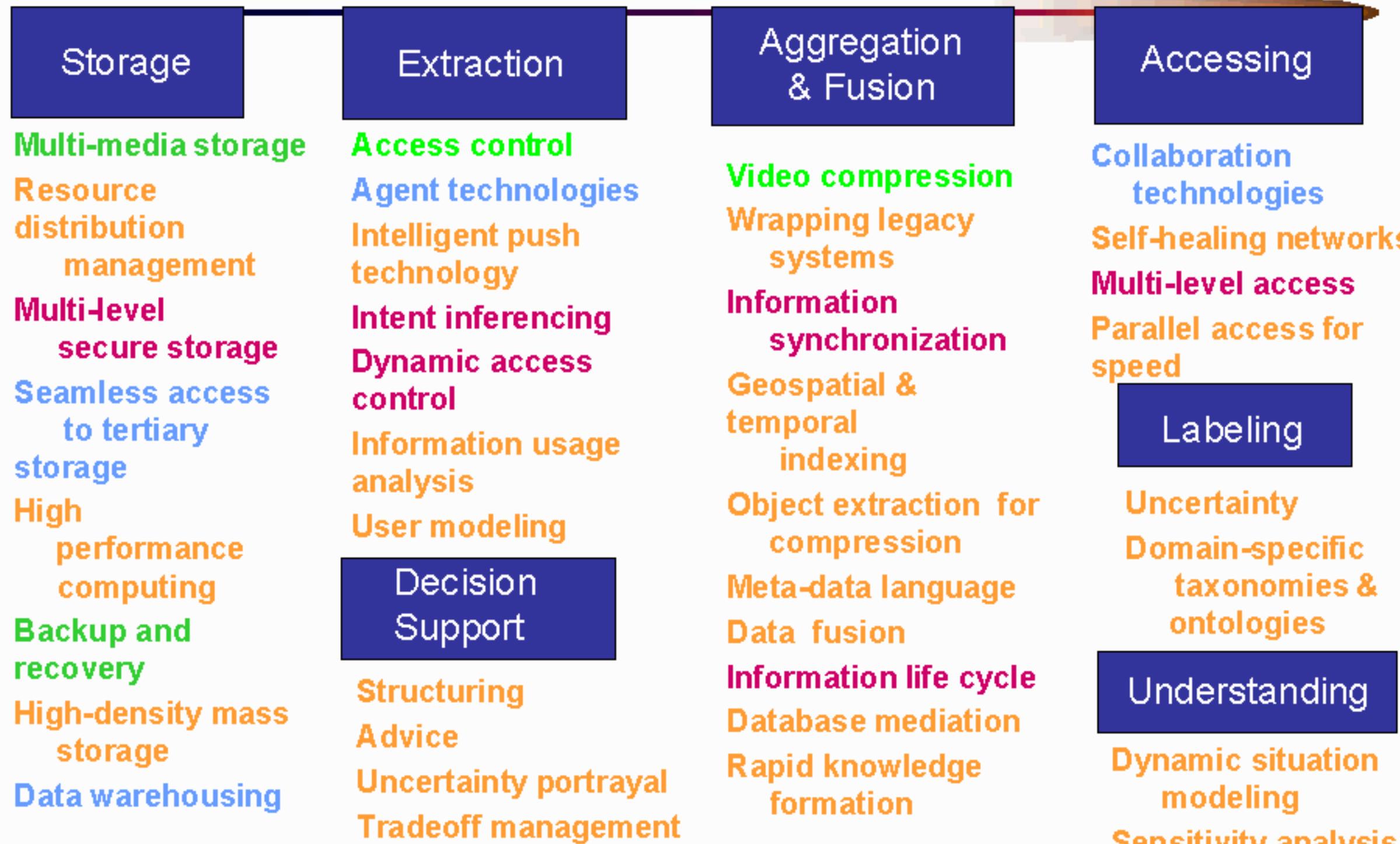
Domain-specific taxonomies & ontologies

Relevance measures

Expectation driven change detection

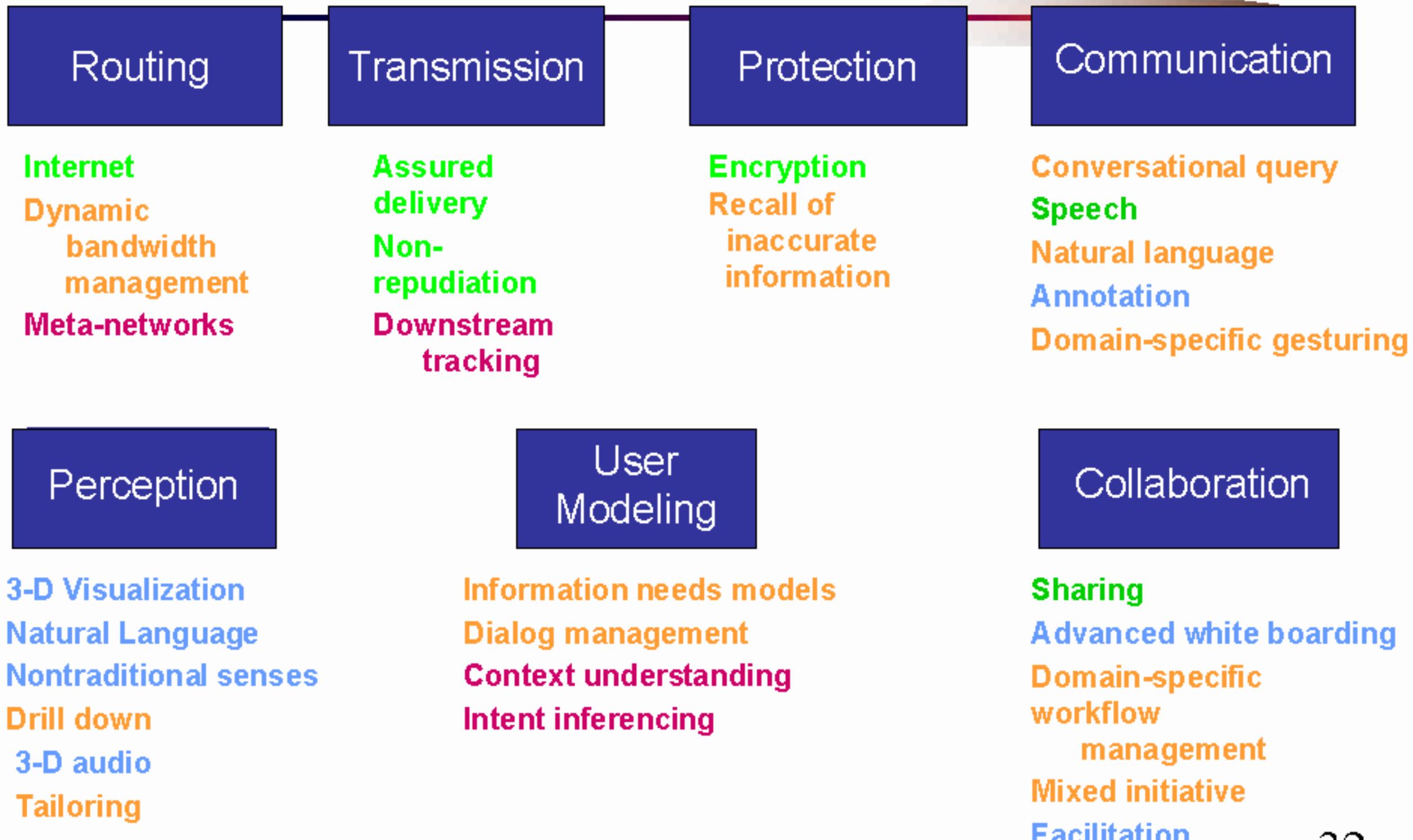


Candidate Technologies: Information Manipulation





Candidate Technologies: Information Interaction





Battlespace InfoSphere Evolving Capabilities



Ready Now

- Limited connection to legacy systems
- Rudimentary embedded fusion
- Effective reachback
- More intelligent push, subscriptions
- Shared data

Next 5 Years

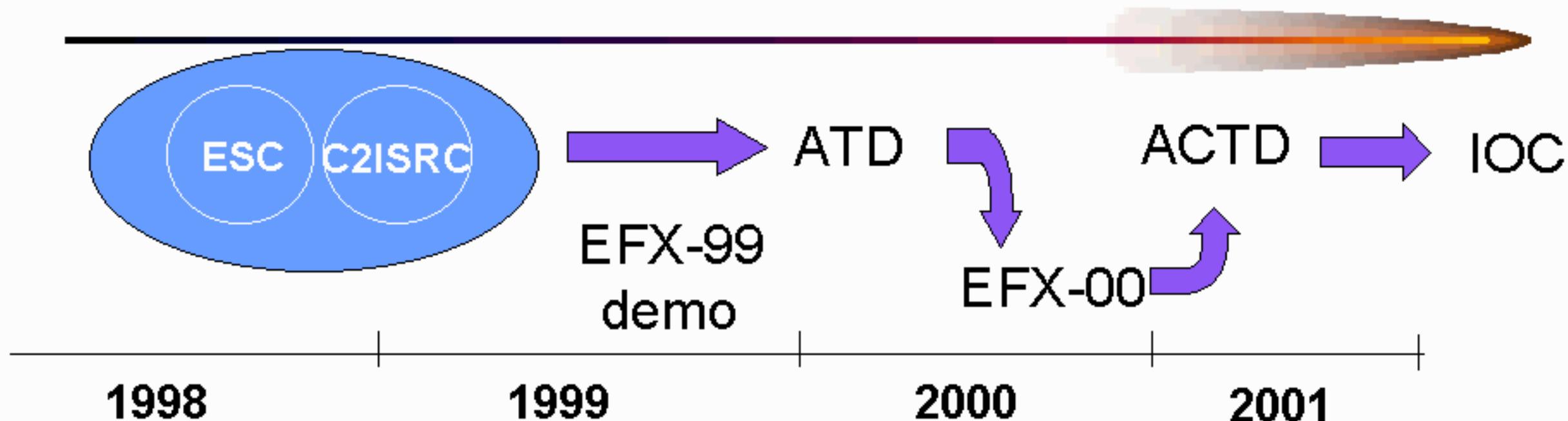
- Semi-automated integration with legacy systems
- Complex, multi-source fusion
- Smaller, forward based infrastructure
- Automated subscriptions
- Shared information

Research

- Total integration with legacy systems
- Automated rule-based fusion
- C2 embedded in BI
- Precision Guided Information (PGI)
- Shared knowledge



Battlespace InfoSphere Acquisition Strategy



- Co-locate ESC and C2ISRC assets with AOC Rear to build an operational capability through an accelerated development, test, and ops concept cycle
- Leverage Jointness in Tidewater area
- Consider for Billy Mitchell initiative
- Exploit the new acquisition model for rapidly adapting systems



Strategy for ATD/ACTD

- Elements of an Air Force sponsored ATD include
 - combat applications that can publish objects following the object definition
 - an initial definition of combat information objects, together with services for publish, subscribe, query, transform, and control
 - initial tools to permit interaction with the BI information
- Major object-oriented applications can be obtained from DARPA and other sources including: fusion (DMIF), collection management (AIM), planning (JFACC), combat support (ALP), global information exchange (GIE), and information dissemination management (IDM)
- The Air Force needs to do the detailed engineering for combat information objects and BI services
- An ACTD with leave-behind assets would follow



Use Integrated Development Processes for the Battlespace InfoSphere



Characteristics

	<u>F-22A</u>	<u>BI-1A</u>
Management discipline	X	X
Subsystem	X	X
Systems Integration	X	X
Operator certification	X	X
Logistics support	X	X
Block upgrades		

Apply similar cost-performance evaluation methods



Value of the Battlespace InfoSphere to the Air Force



- Provides the right information at the right time disseminated and displayed in the right way
- Provides knowledge and information leading to understanding
- Adapts to evolving situation and crisis events - simultaneously with other activities
- Provides shared knowledge of current and planned operations
- Enables very high-speed multiple decision cycles
- Consolidates current operational capabilities with integrated decision aids
- Improves data validity through trusted and accountable sources
- Reduces piecemeal system to system links
- Reduces duplication of effort in assembling and maintaining information



Actionable Recommendations



- Approve and adopt the Battlespace InfoSphere as an Air Force vision
- Integrate combat information resources
 - A single integrated structure
 - A single responsible organization
- Adopt the discipline of a major weapon system program with the speed of spiral development
- Rebalance Air Force information investments to achieve the Battlespace InfoSphere vision as soon as possible
- Seek Air Force leadership but ensure Joint development of the Battlespace InfoSphere

	P	M	E	Technologies	C	Technology Area	Specific Technology	Definition/Explanation	Organization	Research Programs	Program Manager	Web Site Internet Address
576	2	B	3	Information Access	D	Collaboration	Facilitation	Support of group processes for discussion, decision making, etc.	NSF	Group Decision Making and Group Decision Support Systems		http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/showaward?award=8715565
577	2	B	3	Information Access	D	Collaboration	Facilitation		AFRL/HE		M. Haas	http://www.he.afrl.af.mil/
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